A merie and

*Prognostica*

*Deuiſed after the fineſt faſhion,*
*Made and written for this preſen*
*By fower wittie Doctors as ſhall ap*
*Spendall, Whoball, & Doctor Deuſa*
*With them Will Somer takes his place*
*They haue conſulted all in deede,*
*To ſolace them, that this ſhall reede.*

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Of Hoball, Spēdall, Will Somer & Deulace,
I studying in my sickneſſe ſpace:
Did peruſe their ſkill made of Aſtronomie,
Of whiche hereafter foloweth the certaintie.
Aſwell of euery ſeaſon this yeare,
As all other likelies that be like to appeare.

*In reading of this memorie,*
*Omit to iudge the certaintie.*
*Herein we haue nothing reſiſted,*
*Not as by learned proof vnited.*

*Deuiſed is this mery toy,*
*Euen for to make ſome mery ioy.*
*Reporting what ſhall hap this yere,*
*Not often wont ſo to appere.*
*Except ſome ſtraunge Aſtronomie,*
*Like this maie hap as diuerſlie.*

*The Author to the Reader.*

A True and perfect Prognoſtication,
For the yeare of Chriſtes incarnation:

Fifteene hundred, seuentie and seuen so true:
the old yere is gone when there commeth a new.

Made by fowre Doctors of greate reputation:
whiche altogether haue had consultation:
In prouing their cunning of very greate skill:
to tell you of Planets both good and ill.

And to shewe of the signes as nere as they can:
of dearth and of plentie, of newes and what than:
Yet peraduenture, ere the yere come about:
some of them maie chaunce, without any doubt.

The first and principallest maister of all:
is named the learned sir Doctor Hoball:
The second of them, where so euer he came:
was sir Spendall by his name.

The third hath to name, good Doctor Deusace,
the excellentest Doctor euer was.
The fourth and last, is Will Summer in deede:
a very good man, and proued at neede.

*FINIS.*

BEcauſe it becommeth not Daucocke fooles:
Newly ſtart vp of Choplogicke ſchooles.
To take vpon them, the knowledge miſticall:
Of our high Science Aſtrologicall.

And to Prognoſticate this and that,
As though they ſat, in God almighties lap:
We commit the matter, to ſome other man,
That is better learned, then we by ſainct Anne.

To ſuch as in Aſtronomie haue good skill,
For naturall fooles, will be fooles ſtill:
But all thinges be here declared and tolde,
To here it againe, you maie be bolde.

It is written behinde ſecundum Lucam,
In the torne leafe, Capitulo nuſquam,
Therefore what I ſaie on warrantiſe,
You ſhall finde all true, or otherwiſe.

This worke haue we, with good deliberation,
Studied the rather for mans recreation:
Therefore I will tell you, of this Prognoſtication,
How and in what maner, he takes his operation.

This Prognoſtication, vprightly ſaied,
Is to deeme thinges, before they be made:

By conſtellation and Aſtronomie:
Of Planets and Starres fixt in the Skie.

Becauſe therein we knowe our part,
As very ſtudious in that godly art:
Secret with God, familiar aboue,
And to our brethren of very perfect loue.

We haue compaſt this Prognoſtication,
That doth extend to euery other Nation:
Yet wiſhe we good and euer ſhall,
Vnto this Realme and in eſpeciall.

The natiue countrie and breeder of our bloud,
Doeth cauſe vs to wiſhe it more good:
But certainly this is ſure for euer,
Which ſhall laſt three daies after neuer.

Yet is not Euangely, nor Bible,
Nor other thing impoſſible:
And when you haue the matter examined,
If ye beleeue it not, ye ſhall not be damned.

FINIS. I. B.

## *Concerning the* Eclipse.

PErusing the olde and auncient Doctors,
I speake neither of Pedlers nor Proctors:
This yere shall be a kinde of Eclips,
because the Carters doe occupie whips.
Yet an aspect there shalbe that men shall sure dye,
The deafke shall not heare, nor the blinde see,
But when it shalbe in all or in part,
If I can tell, I beshrewe my hart.
Albeit in some place it maie be totall,
For they that are starke blinde shall not see at all:
Yet for all that by *Albumazar*:
My Lord Maiors horse is not John cooks mare.
For why, what is John Cookes mare the warse,
If ye take vp her taile and kis her arse.
This aspect I tell you doth signifie plaine,
That the ix. daie of Aprill it may chance to raine:
And therefore Shrouetide doth also showe,
That by the colde of the ayre it is like to Snowe
So that many shall wishe and also desire,
To warme them if they could get any fire.
For *Aries* and *Taurus* haue hurt their knees,
with the push of their horns, in ỹ midst of ỹ skies.
And *Virgo* waxe wanton for ioye of *Gemini*,
Swearing and staring, that she incontinently,
Will maried be to the man in the Moone:

without delaie, the next day after noone,
Then *Sagittarius*, with his bowe bent:
thought in his anger, to make some chent.
Drewe forth a shafte, and shot so nere the marke:
that he gaue the ende of Febuarie such a parke
So that he was glad, to leape ouer one,
for els if he had stande, thousandes had been gone.
And thus by the discorde and disdaine:
that is emong them, we finde it plaine.
Whereby we note, many greate wonders:
that may hap this yere, by tempest and thunders.
Yet shall not fire be greate this yere:
by reason that Billets and Coles be so dere.
Notwithstanding, I intende as nere as I can:
to tell you of thinges that shall hap now and than
Which surely yet, ere the yere haue his race,
ye shall see some of them hap and take place.
By this ye may see, the chaunge of the Moone:
shall chaunce before, after, or iuste at Noone.
As for other Coniunctions they shall bee:
euen when it pleaseth the Trinitie.

## *Of the fower quarters of the yere.*

NOw if we may be so bolde with the carters this yere doubtlesse shall haue iiii. quarters. Prime time, Sōmer, Haruest and Winter, and thereto hath graunted maister Thō Splinter

We

We finde by the calculation of the Sphere:
that you shall haue fower Termes this yere.
Two in Winter, and two in Sommer:
wherein many honest men haue greate commer.
If our diuination seeme not worth a strawe:
then aske our Maisters, the men at the Lawe.
Which had rather heare of Westminster hall:
then to read the Pistles of sainct Paule.
These quarters in deede, shall make suche varietie:
some dronken men, wot not where they be.
As for the weather, shall be mutable:
and womens mindes muche variable.
Winter colde, and Sommer hot:
sometimes it shall raine, and sometimes not.
Sometimes Snowe, except great meruaile:
sometimes Mist, and sometimes Haile.
Yea and the Planets, shall cause suche weather:
that it shall shine, and raine altogether,
But where, and when, and how it shalbe:
in what parte and coste of eche countrie.
By *Taurus* and *Pisces*, I finde perfectly,
when it comes you shall knowe as well as I.

## *Of the Spring.*

YEt in some parte of the Spring season (Peason
folkes will make Pottage, as I thinke with
Whereupon *Virgo*, as Clerkes doe finde:
shalbe much giuen, to Thunder and winde.

One

One reason is, which Doctors marke well,
Wilke shall not be so deare as Muscadell.
*Venus* shall haue so strong a regiment,
that some shall neede to be shriuen in Lent.
Notwithstanding I feele, some Doctors doe varie
vpon this text, (*Nihil argent marie.*
How if that Aprill had hapt in Maie,
Distlers should make but small bottles of Haie.
Also it had been a hot yere for Bees,
for then had the Moone been like a grene Chese.

## *Of Sommer.*

AFter the Spring time Sommer comes in,
and long before Winter it doth begin.
This yere they saie it will begin in June,
then shall they goe barefoote, that doe lack shoone
Be it moist or drie, it proceedes of the Aire,
but if it be not foule it will be faire.
In Sommer the Sunne suche heate shall giue,
that none maie take vp water with a Siue.
Yet if the Moone keepe her course a right:
the Sunne with vs shall not shine at midnight.
For *Mars* is rough, and *Venus* is milde,
and therefore an old knaue is no childe.
When the Sunne and Moone are in coniunction,
hard harted folkes shall want compuction.
But when the Sunne is in opposition,

many

many shall be full of condition.
Diuers of the Planets are inclined to heate,
men shall not be colde as long as they sweate.
For diuers Planets raigneth in this place and that,
which I would tell you, if I knew where or what.
And though *Cancer* be crooked, yet as I weene,
in most partes Summer shalbe greene.
But considering the heatsome will not shrinke,
to spend the most parte of their thrift in drinke.
For *Cancer* and *Leo* by my calculation,
be great signes of inebriation.

## *Of Hārueſt.*

SUche as plaie good houſbandes in the Prime,
I trust shall haue Corne in Harueſt time.
There shalbe more Corne I put you out of doubt,
inthreſht, and growing the fieldes throughout.
Then all the Bakers in London haue,
in their poſſeſſion, ſo God me ſaue.
There shalbe ſuche plentie, thankes be to God,
of Corne and Strawe full many a lode.
That all the men which be liuing this date:
(in London) shall not eate it I ſaie.
But if Palme Sondaie ſhould fall in Harueſt,
then were a Sheepe a perillous beaſt.
Therefore *Aquarius* muſt take ſome paine:
ſtill in the Firmament to remaine.

For

For if it should chance the Skies to fall,
we should haue Larkes, the Deuill and al.
Wherefore both by reason and by Lawe:
a sore skabd taile, is shrewd to claw.
And by *Libra* I finne, that about Harnest:
the Sunne going downe, shalbe in the West.
And thus you may saye, on *Ptolemeus* mouth:
that the North Pole, is not in the South.
And by *Mars* it appeareth, I may tell you:
that an Ape is no Oule, nor an Ore a Cowe.
So when the Cat is gone, the Mouse must go plaie
and they did not well, I praie God we may.

## ¶ Of VVinter.

VVhen Summer and Autum are both gone:
then will the Winter be here anon.
So doe I I thinke, ye are like to finde, (winde,
in this winter some raine, some snowe and some
For suche is the coniecture of Doctors olde,
how that naked people, are like to be a colde:
But *Ptolome* of all men, hath good opinion,
that rosted Mutton is good meate with an Onion
Yet as *Libra* and *Scorpius* doth passe.
all Holowtide shalbe after Michaelmasse:
Well nigh fiue weekes maister John Spooner,
hath made it sure, it shall be no sooner,
So when *Scorpius* haath once begunne,

It may fortune to Snowe, ere Winter be doen:
And when *Sol* is entred into *Capricorne*,
I doe not doubt, but some children shalbe borne.
Some marueilously, with gutts in their wombs,
and moste of them all, shall haue two thumbs:
For if the sextill proceede & *reliqua*,
then take heede of *seque altra*,
But if *Ptolomeus* what him lust,
you shall finde it true, durt is no dust.
Howbee it all may not haue their willes,
for the Moone is higher then Maluer hilles:
Yet by reason of the strong effecte,
of *Saturne* and *Mars*, in their trine aspect.
Many a blast shall blowe, of full sower winde,
for both men and women haue holes behinde:
How be it that is not so greate a matter,
for men when they pisse, must needes make water
So that to conclude, of the whole yere,
there be fower quarters in the fallowe Dere.
As Withelmas, Christmas and our Ladie in Lent,
and welcome home at Midsomer, a yere wel spent.

## ¶ *Of the twelue Monethes.*

AS Astronomers do conclude and say,
In the reconing the night with the daie:
Though there were xii. Moneths in the yere before
yet this yere shall haue twise sixe no more.

And,

And euery moneth conteineth fowre weekes,
because in Lent they make pottage with Leekes.
By the house of *Saturne* whiche I haue cast:
I tell you before, that yesterdaie is past.
And whether it chaunce to shine or to raine:
it is too late to call yesterdaie againe.
This yere shalbe some Mistes in the Skies:
and Raisins sometimes in Pie bakers pies.
Also come it late or come it soone:
euery moneth once shall chaunge the Moone.
By *Mars* and *Mercurie* sometime I finde,
that there must be great store of winde:
For men and women when they haue well dinde:
shall haue no power to holde fast behinde.
The blast shalbe boysterous, big and outragious:
whereby the ayre must needes be contagious,
And except God worke by his great grace,
the winde shall not alwaie stand still in one place.
Sometimes the blasts shalbe prette and soft:
and sometimes of force they shall come aloft.
But if the blasts breake out beyond the brinke,
the clouds cā not be clēsed but the aire must stinke
But some at me might haue great wonder,
why I declare nothing of Thunder.
Of Haile, of Fire, of Lightning and Cloudes,
of greate tempest and raging floodes.
Ye shall perceiue and vnderstand:
that it maie hap to Thunder in the lowe land,

Suche

Suche claps that he that by the waie goes,
shalbe constrained to stop his nose.
And in some places, shalbe suche Haile:
that the Colliers horse maie lacke his taile,
Some Doctors thinke, greate fires shall not be,
and I am of that opinion truely.
My reason is, that fuell and Cole,
is not so lightly giuen by dole:
Yet the weather maie hap to be so warme,
that a good fire can doe any harme.
Yet the fire maie be so hotte in some house,
that some shalbe burnt with a Winchester goose.
As touching Lightning, who will wishe worse,
of all mischeefes then an emptie purse.
Whiche where it dwelleth, is so light of thought,
that he that lacketh money shall goe for nought:
And touching tẽpests, it shall not be behind, (wind
the weather Cocke of Paules, had his nose in the
Mariners and wherie men, that row on the Temes
shall not be able to saue thẽ frõ the Sun beames.
Theeues shalbe angrie, when the Dogge barkes,
if the Element fall, we shall lacke no Larkes:
Suche shalbe the tempest in many places,
that men for debt, dare not shewe their faces.
By *Venus* and *Virgo*, it appeareth plaine,
that enuious persons, shalbe full of disdaine:
Greate trees shall fall doune out of doubt,
if they be hewen doune, or pluckt vp by the roote.

Corne shall not be reaped, but where it is sowne,
Haie is no Haie, except it be mowne:
Flowers on the earth, and fruite on the trees,
Geese, Capons, Duckes, Hennes nor Bees.
The tempest this yere, maie chaunce not bite,
if wiues keepe their Chickens from the Kite:
But now the nature, of eche moneth to showe,
in a generall rule, here shall ye knowe.
Sometime perchaunce, the winde shall blowe,
sometime it shalbe calme, and still I trowe:
Sometime the Sunne shine, raine, hatle and snowe
and sometime in the Ayre, perchance a rainbowe.
Sometime a cloud or mist, sometime cleare aire,
sometime foule weather, and sometime faire:
In euery moneth of the yere throughout,
one or other of these, shall happen out of doubt.
Sauing I gather, by one signe or other,
little Snowe or none, shall fall at Midsomer.
Sauing also, this yere *Capricorne*,
biddeth some folkes, to beware the horne:
For if *Mars* and *Taurus*, in one circle meete,
the Moone maie hap, to shine in Watling streete.
Then the Cocke crewe, and then it was daie,
the Bullocke broke lose, and the rope ran awaie.

## *Of dearth and scarcitie.*

By the operation, of them before saied,
the diligent working, of the starres wel waied

This

This yere shalbe plentie, and good cheape of flies,
of trifles, of women, of gaudes and of lyes.
Also greate plentie, of hunger and colde,
nakednesse, wearinesse, small thrift of olde:
Parboylesse, Idlenesse, Pryde and Niceneſſe,
little worke, losse of time, scoffing and mocking:
Plentie of quarrelling, Dicing and Carding,
pursipicking, robbing, murder and hanging.
Debt and slowe payment, pledging and selling,
little trust, ill will, vsurie and pilling:
With dispossessing, briberie and polling,
shall reigne this yere, in euery quarter:
Ye shall knowe more, that comes hereafter,
also by the inticement, and working of Sathan,
This yere shalbe scarcenesse, deny this who can,
the want of good liuing, grace and mercie,
Of loue and true faith, of peace and of pittie.
Of freendship, of ioye, of truth and of concorde,
of neighborhood, wealth, of good workes & cõfort.
Of visiting the sicke, the prisoner and lame,
the blind, deaf and dumb, and the Lepers by name
Of fatherlesse and straungers, small hospitalitie,
of almes, of good counsell, of Justice and equalitie
Of newnesse of life, and reconciliation,
of holinesse, forgiuing, and restitution:
Of righteousnesse, and the true seruing of God,
I doubt all vertues, and these are all od.
Yoyey with many, this yere shalbe daintie,

but they shall lacke nothing, that haue great plẽtie
Therefore who so hath spent their thrift in waste,
by the course of stars, they shall haue leaue to fast.
For *Iupiter* shewes in the ascendent,
that nought is left, when all is spent:
Yet is not muche against *Ptolomea*,
that there shalbe store of water in the Sea.
And I finde by *Ptolomeus Almegestes*,
that many loue well to goe to good feastes:
But suche as can get, neither bread nor meate,
shalbe full hungrie, when they would faine eate.
Yet some through hunger, shall not looke so pale,
but others shall looke, as red with good Ale:
Now because riche men haue store of money,
Gall is not all thing, so sweete as Honie.
Good sayinges and doinges shalbe dere,
for Charitie is laied vp, till an other yere:
And if it be true, that I haue heard tolde,
malice is feruent, and Charitie colde.
But there shalbe plentie, I dare well saie,
of showers in Aprill, and flowers in Maie:
Yet *Libra* in her *Equilibri pendent*,
sheweth that for default of *Argent*.
Many will be slacke to paie their rent,
wherefore of their Landlordes they will be shent:
Somewhere shalbe so hot rost,
that suche as come late, must kisse the post.
And somewhere shalbe suche plentie of fishe,

that

that some shalbe faine to licke their dishe:
Prestes of their Tithes, shalbe loth to want,
and Latine among them, shalbe very scant,
For scarce one among tenne on a cluster,
shalbe able to conster their *Pater noster*,
Suche as haue enough, shall haue more still,
and suche as nought haue, shall want their will.
As for Corne and victaile, I put no doubt,
shalbe plentie and good, al England throughout:
Except the great Snudger cause a dearth,
for neuer was there fairer seen on earth.
And because that Fishmongers pare their fishe,
ye shall haue of Gubbins a plentifull dishe:
Fruite enough scant, ye shall haue this yere,
that is to saie Plums, Apples and Pere.
Walnuts, small Nuttes of all sortes,
because boyes wil haue them, for their comfortes:
Corne shalbe scant, if that it lacke price,
and cattell shalbe dere, if the Market arise.
Because greedinesse with many doth grudge,
neuer ruled with reason, like a couetous snudge:
Not caring if thousandes, doe perishe with paine,
so al thinges proceede, to his owne priuate gaine.
Beefe, Mutton, Veale, Capon and Coney,
this yere get ye none, except ye haue money:
All other thinges shalbe at the saine price,
except onely Cattes, Rattes, and Mice.
Ye shall haue plentie, of Brawne and of Sowce,

for euery good Taylor, shall kill a great Louse.
Though Monks and Friers, be not in Cloysters,
yet may there be at Belingsgate, plētie of oysters
In Lent shalbe larges, of red Heringes and spyats,
but without money ye get neither caps nor hats.
So shalbe Makrels and Place, if the winde serue,
some set and sharp teeth, both they quickly serue:
This yere shall youth, loue Apples and Peares,
so shall some loue to goe, together by the eares.
Which is by reason, the Doctors strongly admit,
that fooles this yere, shall haue but little wit:
Yet fooles haue good fortune, I can not denie,
though they haue no more wit, then they occupie
And though quailes, this yere be daintie,
yet it is to be thought, we shall haue Woodcocks
And rifer then either Capon or Goose, (plentie:
for some shal haue woodcocks at home in their house.
Wherfore I saie some shall want, & some shall haue
and al because some will spend, and some will saue.
But he that hath all thing, nothing shall lacke,
and he that hath nothing, shall goe to wracke:
In the heate of Sommer, many shall thinke,
ỳ claret wine with borage, is a cup of good drink.
Reapers and Rakers, of Corne and of Haie,
shal haue but little to do, betwene this and Maie:
In harueſt poore men maie chance to lacke Sithes
but this yere Prieſtes muſt haue plentie of tithes.

Of

## Of the Complexions.

OF complexions truely to speake,
some be strong, and some be weake:
Some be in a meane, betweene them both,
some to doe well, are very loth.
Some men that shalbe, brought vp in Schooles,
shall in conclusion, be starke fooles:
For *Saturne*, *Mercurie*, *Sol* and *Venus*,
*Iupiter*, *Pisces*. and *Aquarius*.
Declare by seuerall constellations,
that naughtie knaues, will vse naughtie fashions:
If any of the starres, breake their olde rate,
then God giue you good morowe at Aldgate.
If Cholorike this yere, will not be prefull,
hastie, ambicious, and desirefull:
Then shall the complexion Melancholike,
neuer be disposed, to be frantike.
Nor the Sanguine lustie, ioyous and pleasant,
but the Phlegmatike, actiue, fresh and pregnant:
This yere through celestiall influence,
a good halfe grote shalbe worth two pence.
One thing there is, that maketh me sad,
all cunning Cutpurses shalbe starke mad:
This yere their Science, shall sore decaie,
and all their liberties taken awaie.
For where they were wont, to be burnt in the hand,
being taken now, they must be hangde.

Fooles this yere, shall not be wise,
but yet faire maidens will be nice:
Wiues to their houl bandes, shalbe obedient,
in all thinges that doe them selues content.
Nor will giue them an ill worde without doubt,
at least wise if their tongues be cut out:
Otherwise of the matter I take no charge,
for *Ptolomie* speaketh of starres at large.

## *Of sicknesses and diseases.*

THis yere suche as be sicke in deede,
of good Phisitions shall haue neede:
Therfore of all aspects, let folkes take heede,
for many shall drinke, more then they shall neede.
And some through *Mercurie* without doubt,
shall lye in Newgate, that would faine be out.
And most parte of folkes, shall haue such qualmes,
that very fewe shall lust, to giue any almes:
Some shal wish to haue againe that they haue spent
fewe this yere with pouertie will be content:
Yet this disease is like to raigne so sore,
that Beggers shall goe from doore to doore.
Some wantyng money, shall both ban and curse,
that the deuill hath roome to dance in their purse:
Suche as can the Cardes and Dice well handle,
when their money is lost, maie holde the Candle.
Some shalbe driuen through ache in their heds,
to lye on Benches, for lacke of beds.

This

This Sommer ensuing, shall raigne suche a disease
that many shall not sleepe in their bedds for fleas.
Many shalbe sicke and brought so bare, (there:
they shal grope in their purses, and finde nothing
Some doe beleeue that in one moneth or other,
one man will not sticke to deceiue his brother.
Suche a common disease in Towne and Citie,
shall reigne this yere, the more is the pittie:
That some shalbe brought so lowe a doune,
they shall not be able to chaunge a croune.
Other shall sing suche a wofull note,
they shall not be able to chaunge a grote:
Yet shall some of them be out craked,
but for their clothes they might goe naked.
For many that dwell in a poore Cottage,
for lacke of meate, would eate good Pottage:
And all is by reason that this yere,
all thinges shalbe cheape, but money shall be dere.
Butchers shall haue great paine and greefe,
because they can not sell dearer their Beefe:
Whiche makes many for lacke of braune & mustard
to abhorre the eating of Tarte and Custard.
Some saie it is by reason of the Moone,
many shall sup their pottage, for lacke of a spoone
Others saie because the signes be in suche heate,
the people would farewel, if they could get meate
Some shall saie truth, and some shall goe by gesse:
and other some shall goe to bed supperlesse.

After their first slepe, they shalbe striken with hyger
they would refuse, neither Capon or Cunger.
Some ere they be wise, will needes be wed,
and some wiues shall lead, their mates drunke to bed;
Other some shalbe, so sore agast,
they shalbe faine for lacke of meate to fast.
Some shall fast, and some shall praie,
and some surely cannot, tell what to saie.
Some shalbe vp, and some shalbe doune,
some shal dwell in the coūtrie, & some in the toune
Some shall haue an horrible colde,
that with other mens wiues, they will be bolde.
This yere shalbe many builders,
so shall some father, other mens childers:
In some place there shalbe some folke,
that with their wiues kindnes their shulders shall smoke,
Remedie none, but pacience parforce,
the graie Mare sometime, is the better Horse.
As for the Frensie, Pockes, Jaunders and Piles,
many shall haue sore Kibes in their heeles:
Little money, lesse meate, nakednesse and suche,
is thought by the Doctors, shall reigne too much
The Goute, the Grauell, and the greene sickenesse,
the Morphew, the Mesels, and other madnesse:
As aches and Agues, and all other disease,
shall reigne no more, then God doth please.
This yere in Rome, shalbe greate mone,
that Mōkes and Friers, in England shalbe none:

And

And the Papistes they shall sigh and grone,
that Gogmagog their grandsire thus is gone.
Soules in Purgatorie, shall meruaile muche,
why Pardons doe not better keepe touche:
They shall feare least lobcoke their Pope be dead,
for lacke of his Bulles, vnder Waxe and Lead.

*Jesu Christi Amen*
*Aue Italia de malo pena,*
*Papa noster qui es in Roma,*
*Malo diciter tuum nomen.*

Some wiues with Agues, shall shake so sore,
that their houshandes are like to smart therefore:
And some wiues for Thecliplse that last was.
will make their houshandes heades ring to Masse.
Scholers also shall haue sheepebiters lookes,
with taking surfeite at their bookes:
Maidens also if they chaunce to doe ill,
will saie it was against their will.
But *Venus* will neuer let them alone,
vntill she haue brought them, in case to grone:
Therefore *Libra* when women looke sickly,
must waie the matter, somewhat likely.
For *Aries*, *Taurus*, and *Caprisorne:*
will make thē crie alas, that euer they were borne
Likewise through small wit, and feeble braine,
this yere strange and wilde sickneste shall reigne.
Among the people that is phanstie,
this disease shalbe in the head perdie:

An

An other sickenesse goeth therewith among,
called quicke Palsie, that visiteth the tong:
And the propertie of this Palsie is suche,
it maketh tong to shake and wagge muche,
To babble, to prattle, to flout and suche like,
the bodie thereby, is made hanging ripe:
As farre as I vnderstand by this Arte,
it shall reigne in women, for the most parte.
Many that ouer night haue drunke ouer deepe,
shalbe so drie after their first sleepe:
That in the morning as soone as they be vp,
they will get betweene the wall and the cup.
Some shall haue so greate a desire,
that they shalbe colde for lacke of fire.
Some in their Kitchin shall haue suche smoke,
that their eyes shall water of their wiues stroke:
As for other sickenesse, that God doth send,
when it pleaseth him, shall both begin and ende.

## *Of Peace and VVarre.*

COncerning Peace, ye shall vnderstande,
it shalbe kept, by sea and by lande:
Betweene those bodies, that now be dead,
and them yet aliue, shall striue for no bread.
Also it shall raine this yere I doe trust,
with all quiet people, whose liuing is iust:
As touching Warres, contention and strife,
this yere in deede shalbe very rife.

The

The greatest combate that is like to be,
is betwixt the flesshe and the spirite truely:
This battaile so sore, shalbe foughten in deede,
that hard it will be, to knowe who shall speede.
An other there is, muche like to the same,
betwixt the vngodly, in liuing past shame:
This battaile and strife, shall rise by three,
by Enuie, Jelousie, and ill housbandrie.
These be the Captains, that shal cause the fighting,
brawling, quarreling, scratching and byting:
But in the ende, by Sathan the Deuill,
women shal haue the victorie with the foule euill.

## *Of Inundations and floudes.*

YE shall vnderstande, by couetous deuise,
water shall breake their bandes and arise:
Into many Alefatts, and Beerefatts in deede.
beside Tunnes and Tubs, and Barrels for nede.
Also into Milke pots, Creame pots and other,
wine pots nor pottage pots, shall escape neither,
Except good Conscience, put in his foote,
we maie curse couetous, to the harte roote.
We are like to haue, this yere for a truth,
small drinke and watrie, which is great ruth:
Thin Milke, thin Creame, & thin pottage thereto,
if all bookes agree, as some other doe.
The raine in like maner, shall keepe him aloft,
the winde is not able, to bidd him soft:

So

So that there shall raine, as the yere goeth aboutes
many beggers and baudes, sluts, slouins, & louts,
Whores, theues and slugards, proud parats & pies,
with a sorte of fine shrewes, or els the booke lies.
Beside the xxv. orders of knaues,
Roges and Ruffians, and paliardly slaues.

*Of them that be borne vnder the Planettes.*

BUt now to treate of the Planets seuen,
I finde not by them, what is done in Heauen:
The most that I know, of them in this case,
in that they neuer stand, still in one place.
But vnder them many mad thinges be wrought,
and God aboue knowes, euery mans thought:
By *Aquarius* I finde this yere,
Brewers shall put too muche licour in their bere:
And Vintners also will not swarue in fine,
for mingling and mixing, water in the wine:
Couetous men shalbe in suche a furie,
that he that lacketh money, cannot be merie.
Which shall engender, suche a burning heate,
that many shall couete thinges, they cannot gete:
Vsurers shalbe in suche a rage,
that olde people shall dote for age.
Therefore when the Sunne is in *Capricorne:*
then shall not the Euentide be the Morne:
But when into *Aries*, entred is the Moone,
then iust at middaie, shalbe noone:

Whereby

Whereby it appeareth, as a plaine matter,
most men thinkes, wine is better then water:
But the lower windes, neuer agreed worse,
for except eche bodie, shut well his purse.
One shall not afore, blowe suche a blast,
but an other behinde, shall blowe out as fast:
Thus *Touche la maine & fait a bon chere,*
when ye are gone, then are ye not here:
Now that ye maie knowe them in especiall,
we will speake of them in generall.

## *Of the Saturnistes.*

WHere *Saturnus* is
cheef dominator,
No foole this yere,
shalbe a good Orator:
*Mercurie* combust,
sheweth a cause why,
A foole he was borne,
and a foole he shall dye.
It should seeme also,
by *Ptolomeus* text,
suche as dye this yere, shall not dye the next:
For the Coniunction of *Luna* and *Sol:*
will make in Englande, many a dronken nole,
If *Venus* to *Mercurie* make her aspect,
many sicke folke, will be infect.
That people shall dote, for age that be old,

and

and suche as be burned, shall not die for colde:
For whether the people, doe better or worse,
*Saturne* I suppose, will keepe his owne course.
And he would men should, rather ride then goe,
but I saie hastie men, shall neuer want woe:
For if that all men, did vse for to ride,
it should greatly hinder Graueseude tide.
If the Sunne be vp, men shall see it shine,
in all quarters, except they be blinde:
And although that Cloudes, doe couer his beames,
yet maie Dyster boates, come vpon the Teames.

## *Of the Iouistes.*

BEcause of *Iupiter*,
it doth appere,
That eche man would gladly prosper this yere:
But *Saturne* and *Pisces*,
declareth againe,
That some shall attempt,
many thinges in vaine.
Church men shall prosper
and haue good lucke:
because they are willing, to goe to their booke;
Whose good deuotion shalbe so feruent,
they shall haue no power, to refuse preferment.
Bishops and Prelats shall doe very well,
if they take paines to preache the Gospell,

And

And if they truely declare the letter,
I trust they shall prosper muche the better.
As for Archdeacon, Provost and Deane:
will take fat Benefices rather then leane.
But as for other Priests euery one,
will take three Benefices rather then none.
Sauing that *Aries* putteth out of doubt:
that suche as can get none, must goe without.
And after they haue this life once forsake:
they will no more worldly promotion take,
Iudges and Lawyers and other officers,
shall doe as they haue done other yeres:
Except they feede them with golde and grotes:
the men of Lawe shall haue fore thotes.
And their tunges I warrant you shall be lame,
wherefore *Libra* must your matter frame.

## *Of the Marcialistes.*

MARS is the God,
of battaile and strife:
That doth he feele,
that hath a curst wife.
Therefore good Marriers,
that to the fielde doe goe,
Shall giue or take blowes,
if they come thereto.
They shall not shrinke,
for winde and raine:

but for the Princes cause gladly take paine.
To doe their Queene and Countrie good:
they will be readie to spende their hart blood.
Scholers vp their maisters wil make many a fraie,
but the boyes will beare the stripes awaie.
I finde by the aspect of *Mars* and *Virgo:*
some Dames shall worke their maidens wo.
For *Sol* and *Luna* shall shine so bright,
that they shall finde faultes both daie and night.
And *Saturne* in his circle sheweth plaine, (twaine.
that maides, ere they mende one fault will make
Great death of Innocents *Mars* doth intend,
that neuer did speake ill worde or offend:
Whiche is to declare without long preambles,
I doe remit you to the shambles.

## *Of the Solistes.*

ALL matters that are
wrought vnder ye sun,
Shall ende the better,
if they be well begun.
For the Sunne this yere
by Gods might & grace:
Shall shine and giue light
in many a place.
The daie shall be longer
if men be in heale:

In

in Sommer, then in Winter by a greate deale,
Yet *Albumazar* saith full like a Clarke,
when the Sunne is gone doune, it will be darke.
The blinde men this yere by helpe of the Moone,
shall see aswell at midnight as at noone.
Kinges and Princes and Lordes of might,
this yere shall see the Sunne giue light.
Except the Cloudes couer his beames,
or els it shall shine in all Christian Realmes.

## *Of the children of Venus.*

V *Enus* in the Eclips,
declareth newes:
That fewe honest women
shall dwell in the stewes.
Therefore who this yere
loueth in hast:
Maie hap to repent
ere the yere be past.
For *Venus* and *Sol*,
are inclined to heate:
So Stockfishe is not toothsome except it be beate.
Craftie men this yere shalbe very subtill,
and so shall many women be fraile and brittle.
Louers shall burne in heate for Larkes,
but one thing shall happen, whosoeuer markes.

That men many places if they hit rightly,
shall fall in fauour with some women quickly.
And women shall loue more then their bellies will
but what loue this yere will be sone colde. (hold,
The children of *Venus* shall prosper but little,
because that Lazaras shalbe in the Spittle.
Some children of *Venus* shall burne in suche loue:
for euery hand they will haue a fit gloue.
Some will loue more then a thousand solde,
and some if they might haue more they would.
Yet some by *Venus* promoted shalbe,
to haue a roume at the three cranes of the Vintree
And because some folke loue so hot,
fooles boltes this yere wilbe sone shot.

## *Of the Marcurialistes.*

*Mercurie* is patron,
of byers and sellers:
Pillers, bribers,
lyers and tale tellers.
Some shalbe no gladder,
tales to beare:
Then other shalbe,
to giue them eare.
But suche as can vse,
the same thing well:
shall surely to Heauen if they scape Hell.

Aduocates

Aduocates, Orators, Proctors and Scribes,
shall be sore tempted to take bribes.
Albeit the Eclips past declareth plaine,
where ye suspect thē of one they will take twaine.
Phisitions this yere greate cures shall haue:
and suche shall escape as pleaseth God to saue.
Surgeons, Poticaries, and other suche:
shall gaine by selling little for muche.
For some of them will sell for a pounde,
that cost them nought but taking frō the ground.
Men shall sell wares at sundrie prices:
and some Grocers I thinke shall sell spices.
Mercers shall vtter, Sattin and other silke,
because the wiues of Islington sell milke.
And because therewith they sell Furmentie,
lice with beggers shall not be daintie.
And because they make their Cheese with Curdes,
women this yere wilbe full of wordes:
Painters this yere if they list maie goe plaie,
women can paint and make them selues gaie.
Caruers, Goldsmithes, Tailers and Glasiers,
Broderers, Painters, writers and deuisers:
By force of *Mercurie* in the last Eclipsall,
shall this yere be very fantasticall.
Aduocates, as Sergeants at the Lawe,
shall saie nothing for loue nor for awe.
Except they be waged for siluer and golde,
they will forsake neither newe nor olde.

In eche other science I dare well saie,
many will be doing, speede as they maie.

## *Of the Lunatistes.*

BEcause the Moone
is moyst and colde:
They that dye yong,
shall neuer be olde.
Some men this yere,
shall saile into Spaine:
And some perchaunce
neuer returne againe.
The Eclips in this case,
puts out of doubt,
that some freshe beggers will plaie banckrout.
Thei that spend great sommes shalbe at great cost,
and *Neptune* shall cause some shippes to be lost.
As touchyng the Eclips past we can not see,
how an Owle should a Nightingale bee.
Therefore we will not our braines breake,
of thinges we knowe not, any more to speake:
For though our learning be not small,
yet we Prognosticators knowe not all.
Wherefore with vs no rare thing it is,
now and then to lye and saie a mis.
I finde by the Moone and the seuen Starres,
that Porters in London shall lacke no carres.
They that be Lunatike shalbe in a mad case,
and they that be vnthriftie shall sure want grace.

In

In nightes by Moonshine men shall goe aright,
if thei lacke not their limmes, nor their eye sight,
Mariners shalbe luckie, to saile into all landes:
if their ships chaunce not, to sticke in the sandes:
The Moone (as no meruaile) shall seem very grene
to them that the Moone, before hath not seen.
Some shall go drunke to bed, before the Moone be
and some shal not loue, to drinke of a drie cup: (vp
Messengers wittes shalbe so farre spent,
sometymes shall forget, wherefore thei be sent.
If mad men this yere, be as mad as Hartes,
then mad men shall plaie, mad mens partes:
To declare any further, the Eclips of the Sunne,
we can doe no more, then we haue done.
The fashion of vs Prognosticatours euer was,
to speake of some things, that neuer come to passe
Therefore when you shall, our falshood espie,
doe no more but giue vs, a little leaue to lie.

## *Of Earthquakes and Thunders.*

THis yere because some vnthrifts lacke grace,
a meruailous thing, is a wonderous case:
If *Venus* doe reigne, except greate wonder,
some maides will be, afraide of Thunder.
For if suche a tope, come in their heddes,
they will lye on the ground, for lacke of beddes:
Also now and then, for *Mars* and *Venus* sake,
in some countries maie happen an Earthquake.

This yere shall befall a wonderous case,
Sainct Steeuens daie shall fall in Christmas.
And except the greater hast be made,
Newyers daie shall keepe his olde trade.
Then shall riche men haue presents and gifts:
where the poore shalbe put to their olde shifts.
Wherefore this yere take heede to your Bees,
for Peares and Apples shall growe on trees.
The Moone when it hath made a course,
shall chaunge ere 40. daies be past.
Or els we shall be all the worse,
that are already in an euill case.
If your intent be spirituall,
begin to flatter and lye apace:
The Court of Rome I haue heard sate,
is not corrupt with simonie.
But if that men list to assaie,
thers nothing to deare for monie.
Of Benefices shall fall this yeare,
in many places and not to be solde:
But I am sure they shalbe deare,
and chaunged for no worse then golde.
Certaine Bishoppes in commaundement,
shall giue to Priestes to leaue their sinne:
Men shall maruell what they ment,
and saie that they did first begin.
Preachers of Gods lawes,
shall rebuke our negligence:

We

We shall saie they be Dawes,
what auailes suche audience:
These fat Monkes, and riche Abbies,
men shall make of them greate wonder:
But when good house keeping decaies,
how many men shall starue for honger:
Friers and Nunnes shall ioyne in one,
it is no maruaile what I saie:
For it is hard to liue alone,
if they can finde an other waie.
Of abstinence we must speake a little,
and of obedience (*nihil:*
For Chastitie hath lost her title,
and Vertue driuen to exile.
Now of the Temporall I saie,
A *Stella Cometa* shall raigne:
And cause them wander euery daie,
and knowe not how to ease the paine.
*Mars* manaceth greate debate,
if *Venus* bring this geere to passe:
I haue not seen suche sodaine hate,
where so muche loue before tyme was.
There is like to be marnailes,
who liues shall see the same:
But if you aske, I knowe not yet,
it is good to be out of blame.
Poore folke that haue nothing,
God shall giue them leaue to fast:

As I finde by my writing,
because they haue spent muche in waste,
Phisitions greate cures shall haue,
and wisely looke them vpon:
For golde and siluer they will men saue,
but very fewe shall scape or none.
Pothicaries shalbe very riche,
by Sirupes, Oyles, and Confections:
And cause poore men to paie too muche,
for that, that shall cause infections.
All handicraftes I tell you sure,
shall counterfeit, and marre it cleane:
That was before good to endure,
shall now be scantly worth a Beane.
Maidens shalbe very nice,
but secretly if I shall speake:
The greater parte shall all be vice,
it is a purpose hard to breake.
Wiues shall be obedient,
as any waspe, I dare well saie:
And neuer easie to content,
except their tongues be cut awaie.
And because some on the Sea haue had losse,
this yere shalbe Sermons at Paules crosse:
And if it happen the Curlue to be a Quaile,
then shall the greene Marc haue a blewe taile.
Many greate workes shall be taken in hande,
in Italie and eche other lande:

And

And women therein shall take greate paine,
asmuche for pleasure as for gaine.
Yea many gorgious and gallant girles,
and lustie women set with Pearles.
Shall put their bodies in readinesse,
to labour in vile businesse:
They shall desire aboue all thynges,
that they might be mens vnderlinges.
But because men cut their meate with knyues:
some shall haue muche adoe, to rule their wiues:
For *Saturne* and *Venus*, suche course haue taken,
that most parte of women, shalbe shrewe shaken.
Yet for that good housewiues doe spin Flaxe,
many this yere shall shite worse then Waxe:
And because the singing men deuide their notes,
many a good horse shalbe fed with Otes.
And what though a noble be worth xx. grotes,
yet euery man shall not haue two cotes:
Blacke cloth this yere shall be so dere,
throughout all England, as shall appere.
That as you walke through euery streete,
you shalbe sure not to meete:
Two women clothed in a gowne,
of colour blacke, or colour browne.
Although sicke folkes heades doe ake,
yet you shall see fewe dead men quake:
Some shall be sicke neuer the latter,
with biles and botches, and there riseth ỹ matter.

But

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in a cleare night, shall see starres in the Skie.

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In hope hereof, all true Englishe men,
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Cowardes loue craking,
And grutchers for a farthing.
But you that loue your honestie,
Will spende their money neighbourly.

Therefore fill Glasse and Cup,
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For this is true and euer shall,
The longest liuer shall haue all.

Therefore we count him wise,
That will not make it nice:
As sone as he doth rise,
To take his ale with Spice.
As Ginger is wholsome and good:
So good licour nourisheth the blood.

Once againe fill the pot,
And drinke we at the Lot:
And he that maketh the shot,
Without a full good pot.
Be he neuer so deare a freende:
Let him paie for all, and there an ende.

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